Legislation on Election Commissioner

1753. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether Government will bring in a comprehensive legislation or a Constitutional Amendment to codify the spirit of the Supreme Court judgement in the case of Election Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): No, Sir.

Paucity of orders with Mangalore Yard of MDL

1754. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mangalore Yard of the Mazagaon Dock Limited is on the verge of closure due to paucity of orders;

(b) whether Oil and Natural Gas Commission which has been sustaining the Mangalore Yard's operations for the last few years, has not placed any order during the last year; and

(c) whether any revival plan is under consideration and whether Government will intervene and prevail upon ONGC to continue patronage to Mangalore Yard of MDL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) There has been a general paucing of orders in the Offshore Division of Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL) which is reflected also in shortage of work for the Mangalore Yard. The problem at the Mangalore Yard is compounded by the fact that its pipe coating facility has lost its competitive edge to some other pipe coating facilities which have sprung up nearer the offshore project sites.

(c) MDL is doing its best to secure orders for its Offshore Division. It stands a good chance of securing orders for three platforms, one in a competitive bid in conjunction with another company and two on a basis of assignment from ONGCL.

Taluka level Bio-Mass based power projects in Bihar

1755. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many Taluka-level Bio-mass based power projects have so far been installed in the State of Bihar, district-wise; and

(b) if so, by when the remaining Talukas in the State are likely to be provided with biomass-based power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No such project has so far been installed in the State of Bihar.

(b) The Central Government has announced a number of incentives for encouragement to renewable energy based power projects including those based on biomass. Projects have to be set up by entrepreneurs or the State Government, availing these incentives.

Wasteland in the North-Eastern region

1756. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been made in North-Eastern States regarding availability of wasteland;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;